I. *An Obſervation of Two Boys bit by a Mad Dog, Communicated by Dr.* Martin Liſter, *Fellow of the Coll. of Phyſ. and R. S.*

ABout the laſt of *October*, 1679. it happened that Two Boys of Ten and Nine Years Old, of a Sanguin and Cholerick Complexion, did touch and handle the Head of a Dog which had been wounded by a Mad Dog, which by the handling and waſhing of his Wound by the Children, the Dog ſo wounded was healed, and did not become Mad.

But about *May*, 1680. the Children became ſo unwell, and were ſeized with a paining Grief towards the bottom of their Bellies, which did grind and torment them with Pain and Trouble, which aſcended gradually upwards towards their Navil.

And about the Firſt of *July*, together with the foreſaid Grief, they were taken with a ſlow Flux, and with Fainting Fits by times, when the fore-ſaid Pains aſſaulted them. After they had continued thus for a time, their Pain and Grief aſcended towards and above the Stomach, whereupon followed very violent and Convulſive-like Motions in their Bodies, eſpecially about the Stomach and Belly, by which they were toſſed and tumbled and diſturbed in the whole Body, with ſome foaming at the Mouth, in the interim of their Fits; now and then theſe Symptoms continued and increaſed until the latter end of *Auguſt* that they were taken with the Fear of Water, and could not indure to look into any Liquid

Liquid thing, until the Cup was covered, but forthwith would have fallen down as dead, and ſo would have layn a little time as in a ſounding or dead Fit; and then would have tumbled and toſſed in the fore-ſaid violent Motions and Diſtractions of their Bodies, moaning and groaning; and ordinarily, the Eldeſt eſpecially, ſnarled, barked, and endeavoured to bite like a Dog, they continued in this Fit for an Hour ſometimes, and ſometimes leſs, and ſo came out of the Convulſive-like Motions, lying as it had been in a Sound, a little before they came out of the Fits, and when they did come out of the Fits, would have cropen away in a feared manner from any who had been by them: and thus within an Hour, or little more, they came ſo out of their Fits, that they were alſo well and as much themſelves as ever.

Obſerve that they both took the Fits and came out of them at the ſame time; as ſoon as the Eldeſt fell in, immediately the Youngeſt took the Fit, and when the Eldeſt began to come out of the Paroxiſm or Fit, the Youngeſt became forthwith well. And thus they remained under the ſaid Symptomes until the middle of *September*, every Day taking the ſaid Fits, in which they could not ſpeak, and in their Intermiſſions were as towardly and in their Wits as ever.

But about the middle of *September*, about which time, eſpecially their Barking and ſnarling like a Dog came, they became more wild; ſo as for ſome Days now and then, even whilſt out of their torturing Fits, they would not endure any Company, no not ſo much as to come near one the other, but would have fled from all others, ſo from one another, and thus continued of this Diſpoſition for a Week; and then the Eldeſt drew near his Father, ſaying as one ſurpriz'd, *Father, I am well*; and ſo he

he and the other became forthwith well, that they would not only converſe with Friends and others, but alſo look into the Water without any fear; and as well in their Wits and Memories as ever, and ſo continued to be well for Three or Four Days, and after that fell ill again, and remained ill Six or Seven Days, at the end whereof they became well, in ſaying as formerly on a ſuddain to their Father, *Father, I am well*; and thus became well about the end of *September*, and continued both well as ever they were, to the Apprehenſion of all On-lookers, until the end of *January*, that the Eldeſt had ſome Fits like the former; but the Youngeſt remained well ever ſince *September*.

Obſerve, that ſometimes in *Auguſt*, when the Symptomes did ſo appear as the Learned took up the Diſtemper to flow from the Poiſon of a Mad Dog, there were Doſes of Antimony and *Mercurius Vitæ* preſcribed which accordingly was adminiſtred, together with Antidotes of Venice Treacle, Powder of Crabs Eyes, and other things.